SIX THOUSAND RUSSIANS CONFRONT A HUGE CHINESE ARMY.

The Force Already Has Had a Severe Brush with a Large Army of Boxers Near Old Niu-Chwang.

AMERICA IS LEADING THE WAY

GERMANY PREPARES TO OFFER SOME NEW PROPOSALS.

It Is Believed They Will Be More in Accord with the Doctrine Promulgated by Secretary Hay.

RECEIPT OF THE FRENCH NOTE

ITS TEXT SENT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS CONSIDERATION.

Notice of Withdrawal Given by Chaffee and Russian Chief to Von Waldersee-Other Movements.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 3.-The Russian general staff has received a dispatch dealing with the operations near old Niu-Chwang, which says Gen. Fleischer's division of 6,000 men, with artillery, engaged the Chinese on a vast plain covered with high grass. killed and eighteen men wounded. Col. Artamanoff, while reconnoitering with two squadrons of cavalry, came into touch with 14,000 disciplined Chinese. These General The troops probably will leave in a fort-Fleischer is expected to engage.

American Diplomacy Wins. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 .- The wisdom of the attitude assumed by this government toward China receives additional confirma tion from the fact that the German government has indicated it will submit a new general proposition in regard to the settlement of the Chinese trouble. It is understood that this proposal will take the place of Von Buelow's intent to make the punishment of the ringleaders of the antiforeign element a condition precedent to the beginning of treaty conditions.

If Germany moderates its proposals it will show a gratifying desire to preserve harmony among the powers, and thus assure concerted action by them in settling China's future. This will be all the more gratifying because a modification of Von Buelow's original proposition cannot but be attended with some measure of chagrin. Just what Germany will propose is not generally known, and may not be for some

The French note, proposing the future prohibition of imports of firearms and ammunition into China, the razing of the fortifications between Peking and the sea, and the maintenance of legation guards has been officially communicated to the State Department and transmitted by Secretary Hay to President McKinley, at Canton, for his consideration and action.

Since the return of Secretary Hay he has had several conferences with Baron Speck Von Sternberg, the German charge d'affaires, which have been of such charfor the solution of the entire difficulty. The Berlin government received, several days ago, the Sheng dispatch giving the Chinese edict commanding the punishment of Prince Tuan and his associates. This was accepted in the highest German quarters as a sure evidence that China was disposed now to deal with the responsible a peaceful solution of the problem possible. Altogether the outlook is more satisfactory for a comprehensive settlement of the entire Chinese question.

within the next few days to some entirely to the powers. In this regard there is reason to believe that some of the continental powers do not view all of the French proposals with favor. So far as this government is concerned, however, there is no reason to believe the Freach propositions will meet with disfavor.

Meantime plans are under consideration by which the powers will see that China carries out her purposes of punishing the cullty parties. It is felt to be proper that the punishment shall be carried out in such public manner, and with the knowledge of the foreign ministers and in their presence, so that there can be no question of the completeness of China's reparation.

Objections to Jung Lu. WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 .- The State Deas to the extent to which Jung Lu, one troubles. It is believed these inquiries have at least developed something unfavorable to the acceptance of Jung Lu, whose tendencies have been anti-foreign, as satisfactory person with whom to conduct negotiations. A rather guarded statement is made that this government "has not formally objected" to Jung Lu's appointment, leaving the inference to be drawn that its preference is against him being so

Morrison's Important Point. LONDON, Oct. 4 .- Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Peking, under date of Sept. 26, says: "If the negotiations for the settlement are carried on at Tien-Tsin, Li Hung Chang, being the viceroy resident there, cannot be a plenipotentiary unless

not as dictators, for thus their action would be interpreted throughout the empire."

GERMANS EXCITE UNREST.

Their Policy Inimical to the Success of Peace Negotiations.

[Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press.] PEKING, Sept. 27, via Shanghai, Oct. 3.-Prince Ching has been informed of the issuance of an imperial edict naming Liu Kun Yi, viceroy of Nanking, and Chang Chi Tung, viceroy at Hangkow, as assistant commissioners to negotiate terms of peace. Both the assistant commissioners are members of the progressive faction.

The Italian marines are being withdrawn. action of the Germans, who are bringing a large force, who are expected to embark upon a campaign of revenge, which, it is predicted, will seriously delay the establishment of peace.

After the return of the German expedition to the southward yesterday, a small Japanese force left Huang-Tsun for Tsing-Yang, where the Boxers are supposed to be congregating.

The Russians remaining in Peking are two battalions of infantry and a battery of artillery, Colonel Trotiakoff command-ing. They will hold the summer palace and the Machiapo Railway terminus.

British Cruisers Sail Hastily. WEI-HAI-WEI, Oct. 3 .- The British first-

class cruiser Terrible and the British second-class cruiser Arethusa, with the transports having on board the Third Brigade of British Indian troops, started for Taku to-day, at short notice.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Chaffee and Russian Chief Withdraw from Waldersee's Command.

TIEN-TSIN, Sept. 30, via Shanghai, Oct. in the Shan-Hai-Kuan expedition. The crder sending a detachment of United States marines with the allied forces has been revoked. The allies don't expect any opposition, as they have been advised that the authorities of Shan-Hai-Kuan have been instructed to capitulate.

General Chaffee and the commander of the Russian troops have formally notified Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee of the withdrawal of the American and Rus-The Russians lost two officers | sian troops respectively. The United States marines will proceed to Cavite. The movement of Indian troops will begin

in ten days. The British and Germans continue sending troops to Peking.

There are renewed preparations for an expedition in force against Pao-Ting-Fu. night, and columns from Peking will co-(CONTINUED ON FIFTH PAGE.)

# FIGURES FOR ARKANSAS

CENSUS RETURNS SHOW A VERY SLOW RATE OF GROWTH.

Gain Is Only 16.25 Per Cent. for the Decade-Daily Statement of the Treasury's Condition.

Bureau to-day published the returns for | tion had not been considered. He added the State of Arkansas, giving the population by counties, townships and all incorporated towns. The population of the State | be out in a short time. in 1900 is 1.311.564, as against 1.128,179 in 1890, representing an increase since 1890 of 183,385, or 16.25 per cent. This rate of inthe decade from 1880 to 1890, when it was 40:58 per cent., and less than one-fourth of that for the decade from 1870 to 1880, when it was 65.65 per cent. From 1860 to 1870 there was an increase of only 11.26 per cent., but prior to 1860 the population more than doubled itself during each decade, and for the decade from 1830 to 1840 showed an increase of 221.09 per cent. The population of Arkansas in 1900 is more than ninety times as large as the population given for 1820, the first census taken after its organization as a Territory in 1819. The total land surface of Arkansas is approximately 53.045 square miles, the average number of persons to a square mile at the census of 1890 and 1900 being as follows: 1890, 21.27;

XXX are now proceeding toward a common end | ances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$136,968,654; gold, \$83,878,290.

Rural free delivery service has been ordered established in Indiana Oct. 15, as of route twenty-seven miles, area covered parties as their offenses deserved, making | forty-seven square miles, population served ard, length twenty-six miles, area fortythan at any time heretofore, not only for eight square miles, population 1,494, carrier be certain. It is pointed out that as the concurrent action by the powers, but also R. W. Covalt; Martinsville, Morgan, one strikers' funds grow smaller their hope carrier, length twenty-five miles, area thir- will become fainter and they will then ty-four square miles, population 522, car- accept the 10 per cent. offered by the com It is expected, however, that the atten- rier A. M. Gurley; postoffice at Chetwynd, panies. But against this argument is that tion of this government will be turned Morgan, to be discontinued; Sharpsville, of the labor leaders, who stoutly maintain, Tipton, length twenty-nine miles, area for- as they did before the increase was ofnew phases brought up by the French note | ty-two square miles, population 1,125, car- | fered, that the men will stand fast, like rier C. C. Spaulding; postoffice at Crooms- so many rocks, against what they term ville will be discontinued and Normanda any unsatisfactory concession on the part and Wiles will be supplied by rural car- of operators. Though President Mitchell rier; Russiaville, Howard, length twenty- and his colleagues say they are sanguine nine miles, area forty-eight square miles. of their ability to keep the almost general population 1.472, carrier H. M. Sherwin.

FIRE LOSS OF \$300.000.

Conflagration Wipes Out a Square a Williamsport-Several Injured.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Oct. 3.-This city experienced the most disastrous fire in its history early to-day. The big fourstory shoe factory of J. E. Dayton & Co., occupying almost an entire square, with its great stock of finished shoes and raw partment has been making some inquiries material, was entirely destroyed. Other occupants of the building who suffered of the peace negotiators appointed by the total losses were the Royal Braid Com-Emperor, participated in the Boxer pany and L. E. Whiteman & Co., bookbinders. The loss is \$300,000, of which \$250,-009 falls on Dayton & Co. The property was only partly insured.

Several firemen were hurt by the falling of a portion of the building. Among them were: John Condon, seriously injured; Randall Allison, seriously injured; Powell Breon, ankle sprained; Joseph H. Hill, bad scalp wounds; Henry E. Page, arm badly

To Stop Rate-Cutting.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 3 .- An organization to be known as the Glass Chimney Asproducers and general officers and board here. It is expected to induce all of the be held." chimney makers to become members, agree to sell only at association prices, and stop the cutting of rates, which is said to have

MINERS HOLDING FIRM FOR STILL FURTHER CONCESSIONS.

Feeling Is Growing, However, that a Break in the Ranks Is Liable to Come at Any Time.

Some concern is expressed regarding the RUMOR ABOUT A SETTLEMENT

IT CAUSES MITCHELL TO ISSUE AN-OTHER PROCLAMATION.

He Urges the Strikers to Hold Fast, and Says He Will Call a Convention at the Proper Time.

RELIEF MEASURES CONSIDERED

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP A MINER'S ers will not be given cash in the way of CABIN AT HAZLETON.

More Notices Posted by the Operators at Shenandoah-Warning Not to Heed Put Up Beside Them.

were no developments of special importance to-day in the miners' strike. An interesting feature was the Reading Company's notice to its employes that, in addition to its offer of a 10 per cent. increase it was willing to enter into arbitration with them relative to any grievances they may have. None of the strikers, however, has yet indicated an intention to return to

Affairs were extremely quiet to-day throughout the anthracite region. General Gobin, in command of the state troops recently sent to Schuylkill county on request from the sheriff, to-day directed another of the regiments to return home to-morrow One regiment left on Monday. There now remains but one regiment, a battery of artillery and a company of mounted troops.

A rumor gained wide circulation to-day that President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, had been in conference with the presidents of the coal-carrying railroads, and agreed on a settlement of the strike When informed of the rumor Mr. Mitchell promptly denied it, and said he had not been in conference with either railroad officials or coal operators. He also issued a notice to the miners that the report that an agreement to end the strike had been reached was untrue. He further notified them that there would be no settlement of the strike until the miners themselves in convention decided to go back to work. A secret conference of the leading officials of the miners' organization was held at Hagleton. At its conclusion President Mitchell WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 .- The Census said the question of calling a joint conventhat out of 142,000 mine workers only about 5,000 are at work, and these, he said, would

The time limit of the Lackawanna Company's offer of increased wages will expire to-morrow, but strikers generally excrease is only about two-fifths of that of | press their determination to pay no heed to the offer.

Arbitration Offer Caused Joy. SHAMOKIN, Pa., Oct. 3.-The reception of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company's offer to arbitrate was received here to-day with many expressions of delight. The men felt that they have won the fight, but will not attempt to negotiate with the company until they ask

thing was quiet in this section to-day. NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

instructions of President Mitchell. Every-

Strikers Holding Their Own and Ignoring the Posted Notices.

HAZLETON, Pa., Oct. 3.-Another day ing. At midnight the train pulled out for has come and gone without developing Omaha. anything new in the strike of the anthracite coal miners of Pennsylvania. Al though most of the big companies have offered the mine workers 10 per cent. net increase in wages, not a move has been made by any of the strikers towards a resumption of work. The way the men have follows: Fremont, Steuben county, length thus far stood together without showing any weakness in any part of the ranks is considered remarkable by many persons in 702, carrier J. A. Devier; Greentown, How- this region. That a break will come sooner or later, however, is believed by many to tie-up in force until the operators further recede from their position, they are not losing an opportunity to keep the men from teing influenced into resuming work by rumors of settlement, agreements, etc. To-day President Mitchell was informed of the wide circulation of a story to the

effect that he had reached an agreement with the presidents of the coal-mining and coal-carrying railroads, and after verbally denying the report he issued the following: "To the Miners and Mine Workers of the

Anthracite Region: "We have just been informed that the report has been circulated at Ashland to the effect that in a conference in New York. this morning, between the coal presidents and myself, an agreement was reached which will end the strike.

"I desire to notify all mine workers that the report is incorrect, and that I have not been in conference with the presidents of the coal companies and have made no agreement with them. I wish to reiterate what I said several days ago, that there would be no settlement of the strike until a convention of the anthracite miners is held. You are further requested to pay no attention to statements of this kind, and to continue the strike until such concessions are made by the operators as will justify us in calling a general convention. when you will be regularly notified of the date and place in which the convention will

the foreign ministers are prepared to ap- been quite heavy and disastrous recently. such concessions are made by the operators [ (CONTINUED ON SECOND PAGE.)

as will justify us in calling a general convention," is regarded as rather significant, and as an indication that the struggle will not be a short one, if the vast number of idle men can be kept under control by their leaders. There are, however, those who believe that some sort of a settlement is near at hand, but there is nothing on the surface on which such a belief can be based. President Mitchell and the members of the national executive board are credited with knowing a great deal more about the intention of the operators

a move. The strike situation in the Lehigh valley. as far as the number of men on strike is concerned, remains the same. One hundred strikers marched from Millersville to Lattimer, and about twenty-five tramped to Cranberry from Crystal Ridge, for the purpose of inducing the mine workers at those places to quit, but they met with little success. The question of relief is now receiving serious consideration by the United Mine Workers' officials.

W. B. Fairley, of Alabama, George Purcell, of Indiana, Fred Dilcher, of Ohio, and Benjamin James, of Pennsylvania, members of the executive board, held a private conference at noon to-day. The questions which were under discussion have not yet been made known, but it is believed they relate to relief measures. Contrary to the general impression, the striking mine workrelief, but will be provided by the union | HE TELLS HIS TOWNSMEN HE IS with provisions and clothing for every member of each family needing assistance. It is believed the plans adopted will provide for the establishment of supply depots in each mining town, in charge of the local union officials, where the needy men can be provided for on application.

An attempt was made at 2 o'clock this morning to blow up with dynamite the touse occupied by Michael Zulick, a mi (CONTINUED ON FIFTH PAGE.)

GOV. ROOSEVELT DENIES A STATE-MENT PUT OUT BY POPULISTS.

He Speaks at Many Towns in Nebraska and South Dakota to Enthusinstic Crowds of People.

WELLINGTON AT LINCOLN

SAYS HE STILL IS A REPUBLICAN ON ALL BUT IMPERIALISM.

The Election in Georgia-Intemperate Dickie Speech-Gen. Harrison to Speak in Indiana.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Oct. 3.-Governor Roosevelt and Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, finished their day's work of speechmaking here to-night. The reception of Governor Roosevelt and the demonstration in Deadwood as the carriages passed through the streets was very cordial. Before speaking in this city the Governor addressed a large

crowd at Lead, S. D., near here. For the second time, to-day, he took occasion to deny emphatically the story published about a speech said to have been made by him at the auditorium about the Pullman riot. Governor Roosevelt said the whole story was a lie manufactured by those who knew it was a lie, for liars to

"We believe you, Teddy," was the cry from the audience. After Governor Roosevelt's speech at the

opera house he was followed by Senator

Governor Roosevelt make a short speech at the opera house at Deadwood, which could not hold a fraction of the peple who wished to get in. After the speaking the Governor was made the recipient of an elegant bridle by the citizens of Sturgis, Meade county, 150 strong, who had traveled fourteen miles to attend the night meet-

The first speech of the day was at Crawford, Neb., where Governor Roosevelt said: "Mr. Bryan has said again and again that if the Republican party under McKinley came into power, you would see the prices of ranch and farm products go down; that you would see savings banks deposits go down, mortgages go up and wage workers stand idle. Those were the prophecies four years ago. The fulfillment has been that here in your own State your mortgages have decreased 40 per cent.; your savings bank deposits have increased 25 per cent.: the wage workers have had about 60 per cent. greater opportunity to work, the price of farm products has gone up from 15 to 60 per cent. Out here where you raise cattle, not only the amount of cattle, but the value of them have increased anywhere from 40 to 60 per cent. Now, under our free government it is our inalienable right to make fools of ourselves if we wish, and if you want to go back to the old conditions that is your right, you can go."

At Chedron, State Senator Van Dusen, of South Dakota, presented to the Governor a set of spurs of the cowboy type, Governor Roosevelt responded briefly, expressing his thanks for the presentation. In the course of his speech he said: "I want to do something that I have not

done in this campaign before now and that is to answer one of the lies circulated in reference to me. I have not hitherto thought it worth while, but I have read a telegram from Captain Allen G. Fisher stating that the Populists have convinced labor organizations that Roosevelt said in the Auditorium after the Pullman strike, that 'any man who engages in a strike, or any man who goes where a strike is on, should be shot.' Captain Fisher states that some credence has been given that statement and I therefore want to answer it. Yet it is almost irritating to have to stop to answer such a statement, for I gence would know that I not only never made such a statement but that I am incapable of making it. At that time, I never spoke in the Auditorium to begin with, and I never said anything out of which could have been constructed any such made up by people who knew it was a lie. to be circulated by others who also knew

gram was received with general cheering.

TO SENATOR FAIRBANKS AT A BIG MEETING AT REDKEY.

Financial Issue, War Policy and Bryan's Intimate Relations with Imthan they care to reveal, and that they perialism All Discussed. are simply waiting for them to again make

C. N. POLLARD FOR M'KINLEY

FORMER DEMOCRATIC JUDGE O HOWARD COUNTY CIRCUIT.

He Says the Issue Is Bryanism Which Must Be Crushed to Maintain This Country's Honor,

WALLACE'S STATEMENT

WORKING FOR M'KINLEY.

Refutes Statement that He Is Not Supporting the President-Speech by Mount-Other Meetings.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PORTLAND, Ind., Oct. 3 .- A Republican enthusiasm and will be productive of much good in the campaign, was held at Redkey to-night. It was largely attended by residents of that city, from this and other ham Lincoln, George Washington and Wilplaces, as well as from the surrounding country. Considerable preparation was who was the central figure of the occasion, and delighted and held his large audience with close attention throughout the entire length of his speech. Senator Fairbanks took up the trend of events as they have occurred during the present administration and commented upon them in a way that could not be misunderstood.

Senator Fairbanks took up the money issue, the war policy, giving some information as to the progress being made by the President toward securing peace when the Maine went down; the battle of San Juan hill, out of which Theodore Roosevelt came famous; Mr. Bryan's connection with the ratification of the treaty with Spain; following with a complete exposition of the imperialism fallacy as it has been quoted relative to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philip-

Taking up the financial issue, Senator Fairbanks said: "The Republican party was pledged to the maintenance of the gold standard, and true to its pledge it enacted a gold standard law. This was against the opposition of the forces represented by Mr. Bryan. We have more money and better money to-day than we ever had in the history of the Republic.

"My countrymen, are you interested the maintenance of the gold standard? the fact that only a few months Does the currency question interest you? enthusiasm of the people, but it is one which seriously affects every citizen more immediately than any other question before the American people.

"Would the free coinage of silver at to 1 injure us? Is it possible to secure the current circulation of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1? No, it is not. In 1792 was passed the first coinage law, at the ratio of 15 to 1. It was selected by Thomas Jefferson, one of the majestic figures in American history, and by Alexander Hamilton, one of the greatest of the financial geniuses. They wanted to secure the concurrent circulation of silver and gold, so they went into the markets there to ascertain what the ratio was between the two metals. Back of them lay centuries

of experience. ciers of the treasury we have had since defeated and captured. In recognition the days of Alexander Hamilton, has well pointed out to the American people the perils to our interest that would follow the election of Mr. Bryan and the appointtreasury of the United States.

ONE WAY TO SAFETY "There is one way I have thought of to obviate all of this, and that is to elect a gold standard administration, friendly to the execution of the law as it now stands." Mr. Fairbanks then turned his attention to the party's war policy, and in this connection said: "Soon after the administration came into power we were confronted with a question that gave us little concern

in 1896. A cloud gathered in the southern horizon. For many years Spanish rule in Cuba had been tyrannical and brutal. Cubans caught the spirit of liberty as they looked across upon the shores of the great Republic and desired to be free. President of the United States negotiated he was negotiating, a resolution passed the Senate recognizing the belligerency of Cuba. It was opposed by the President. and failed to pass the House. The President desired a more positive and effective policy. He tendered the good offices of the United States to Spain, negotiated for peace and independence. While this was going on he was being criticised by those in opposition. They challenged his humanity, they challenged his patriotism.

"The President was making much headproblem in Cuba, when happened that masterful tragedy in the harbor of Havana. country. The President began to prepare the hope of a peaceful settlement.

"The President asked for an appropriation of fifty millions of dollars to prepare for national defense. The committee et was found a pair of gold cuff buttons should suppose any one of common intelli- having the bill in charge reported it, it was in due course of time laid before the Senate, and then a scene was witnessed that can never fade from the memory of those who witnessed it. Every seat was occupied but one, and the occupant of that was on his deathbed. 'Aye,' resounded statement. It is not only a lie, but it was | until the last name was called, the vote for the appropriation being unanimous.

THE PRESIDENT IN WAR. This explanation of Captain Fisher's tele- did, how splendidly the President drew the sword and struck down Spanish power. A the miners "to continue the strike until Dolliver and Candidate for Governor Diet- destiny of a nation. It was sent across the seas. That order was to find the Span-

## ish fleet and destroy it. It went into the right hands, into those of an officer who rightly interpreted it, and in one brief hour George Dewey stood one of the greatest

naval heroes in all history. "Then came the charge up San Jaun hill, and out of the fire and flame of that battle was born our candidate for Vice President of the United States. Then came the battle of Santiago, second only to Manila bay, and then came Spain's suit

for peace." Continuing his speech, Senator Fairbanks said of the ratification of the treaty with Spain; and the part Mr. Bryan played in it: "The debate against the ratification of the treaty was protracted. The charge was made by the opponents of the treaty that is was without constitutional war- CROWD rant, and that there had not been secured the consent of the Filipinos. It seemed for a time that the treaty would be rejected. When the hour for ratification was at hand did Mr. Bryan come down to Washington to oppose the treaty? No, to secure its ratification. The treaty was ratified by one majority. The treaty was ratified by the potential assistance of William J. Bryan. Senator Hoar, who was strongly opposed to ratification, says that before Mr. Bryan came to Washington, seventeen Democratic voters were opposed to it, but when the final vote was taken the entire

corded in its favor." He then quoted the utterance of Mr. Bryan, at Indianapolis, regarding imperialism, and said: "Was there ever an utterance more monstrous than this? Upon his own confession he ratified a treaty that bore in its breast, in its very heart, the seeds of imperialism, in order to present the issue of imperialism to the American people. Remember, the treaty was ratifled by one vote, and a word from Mr. Bryan and it was rejected. I have come to address you as Republicans. We must reason ogether and determine these great questions, not in passion and in prejudice, for neither passion nor prejudice has a rightmeeting of the rousing kind, which awoke ful place in the august tribunal where the destiny of the Republic is determined. That man who has been talking so much is a candidate for the seat occupied by Abra-

seventeen, except four or five, were re-

liam McKinley. "Let us inquire into this imperialism. made for Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, Let us see what evidence there is in Cuba Indiana's senior United States senator, of this imperialistic purpose. The President of the United States is to-day establishing in Cuba a republic, and when that is done the island will be turned over (CONTINUED ON THIRD PAGE.)

AGAINST COLOMBIA.

Patents of Nobility" in Central at South America-Roster of the Militia of Nicaragua.

Correspondence of the Associated Press. MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Sept. 20.-The Nicaraguan Congress is absorbed at the present in the work of enacting laws and passing resolutions authorizing the President of this country to decorate President Castro, of Venezuela, with the title and honors of major general of the army of Nicaragua. This is a reciprocity affair, in and is declared to be in consideration of President Castro conferred on President It is not a question which appeals to the Zelaya honorary membership in the highest order of honorary distinction conferred by Venezuela on some of her great men; also that honorary membership was conferred on Senor Ferando Sanchez, President Zelaya's minister of foreign relations. and that President Castro sent to the two

recipients, with the nobility patents, regalias in purple and gold. cause of these decorations from President Castro is the fact that in March of the progress in Colombia against the government, President Zelaya permitted a vessel to leave Corinto, Nicaragua, for the De partment of Panama, loaded with Colombian revolutionists and rifles, cannons and munitions of war, in an endeavor to overthrow the government on the isthmus That expedition came very near being suc-"Secretary Gage, one of the ablest finan- cessful, but the revolutionists were finally the expedition, it is alleged, and before the defeat of the filibusters from Nicaragua, then at peace with Colombia, President Castro sent the decorations to Presiment of a Populist as secretary of the dent Zelaya and Minister Sanchez, the two Military Band, stationed in the topmost presidents, it is pointed out, being of the gallery, played a repertory of popular and came political faith and in sympathy with operatic airs in its own inimitable fashion,

the revolutionists in Colombia. What action Colombia will take in regard | Small portraits of Washington and Jackson to the alleged attempts by the presidents | were discerned at the ends of the balcony of Nicaragua and Venezuela to destroy her | railings near the stage. legitimate government, in case she overcomes the revolutionists, remains to be

General J. B. Saenz, Nicaragua's minister of war, in his report to Congress, declares | tor Jones made a feeble attempt to apolothat he has now enrolled on the militia list over 50,000 men, between eighteen and fifty-five years old, a large majority of whom are fit for military service. These persons are required to answer roll call and to drill on the fifteenth day of each month, with the exception of field officers. of whom there are a large number, and to the end that war might cease and the those having medical, law, pedagogic or independence of Cuba be secured. While similar diplomas; also civil employes of the government, numbering many persons.

FOR ROBBING THE DEAD.

Russian Sailor Arrested-He Was the Ill-Fated Idler.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 3 .- Charles Samuels, a Russian sailor, suspected of robbing the dead body of Miss Jane Corrigan, of Cleveland, of \$10,000 worth of jewelry, was way toward a peaceful solution of the arrested here to-day, and will be taken back to Cleveland for trial. Several months ago Miss Corrigan was drowned of the convention be those of the Fifty-A wave of vengeance swept across the in Lake Erie by the wrecking of her fa- third Congress, another providing for the ther's yacht. When the wreck was raised for war, while still negotiating further in and the body recovered the jewelry was permanent organization committees by the missing. Samuels, who found the body, was suspected, but he disappeared. To-day he was discovered in this city. In his pockmarked "J. C.," the initials of the dead

> Capt. Corrigan's Statement. CLEVELAND, Oct. 3 .- Capt. James Cor-

the dispatch from Pittsburg to-day an- delegation, headed by the Liberty Drum nouncing the arrest of Charles Samuels in | Corps of this city, following which came that city on the charge of robbing Miss | the reception committee escorting Adlai E. Corrigan's body of \$10,000 worth of jewelry. Stevenson, the guest of honor, and the club "Congress declared for war, and when it | Captain Corrigan said: "Samuels was em- in the rear, directed in true military style ployed in cleaning the debris out of the by Robert E. Burke, its commander-in-Idler after the vessel had been raised and | chief. Mr. Stevenson was given an ovation At Broken Bow the Governor, Senator brief order was issued, yet it changed the brought into port. We believe he confis- as he proceeded to the platform and again cated jewelry and other valuables to the | when he arose to address a few words to

PRESIDENT HEARST FAILS TO AT-TEND CONVENTION OF CLUBS.

No Explanation Furnished the Delegates for This Unexpected Action of Mr. Henrst.

DISAPPOINTMENT

DELEGATES REGALED BY "GOLDEN RULE" JONES AND J. HAM LEWIS.

The Latter Acknowledged that He Had Been Asked to Put Him-

self on Exhibition.

NIGHT STREET DEMONSTRATION

WITH THE AID OF LOCAL CLUBS A GOOD SHOWING WAS MADE.

The Night Meeting at Tomlinson Hall Called to Order Late-Business and Speakers.

The W. R. Hearst convention of Democratic Clubs of the United States had to be called to order yesterday afternoon, a few minutes after 2 o'clock, without the inspiring presence of its guiding spirit. It was a blue looking little group of men that sat on the platform of Tomlinson Hall and beheld the Cook county delegation from Chicago-with which Mr. Hearst was expected to come-march down the aisle and still no sign of the young Napoleon of yellow journalism. That was not the worst of it, either. Mr. Hearst thought so little of this national convention, which he had boomed so vigorously for weeks, that he not only did not lend the magic of his ZELAYA SEEKS TROUBLE presence to it, but did not even deign to absence. Senator Jones and Mayor Taggart cast sickly glances at each otherthe difference being that Mr. Taggart was HE AND CASTRO ARE CONSPIRING really a sick man physically-and each mutely interrogated the other as to why

the leader came not. Privately, the report was circulated that Mr. Louis G. Stevenson, the vice presidential candidate's son, had received a telegram from Mr. Hearst, stating that he is ill in Chicago, but if such a telegram had been received it would have been gladly read from the platform yesterday, and none was read, thus demonstrating that Mr. Hearst was so upset about something that he could not even conjure up a reason for remaining away. Various suggestions to account for his absence were heard yesterday afternoon, and the most plausible seemed to be that he had been informed of the miserable failure of his efforts to attract a crowd to Indianapolis, and preferred not to harrow his feelings by a per-

sonal glance at the disheartening spec-THE HALL DECORATED. Tomlinson Hall was decorated as elaborately and gorgeously as if the greatest audience in its history were to fill its every nook and corner. The place of honor in the portrait gallery was given to Thomas A. Hendricks, a splendid likeness of whomdone in oil-depended from the center of the squared celling above the big stage. On However, it is claimed that the true either side of the dead leader's portrait were pictures of Bryan and Stevenson, which were about the worst specimens ever present year, when a revolution was in displayed. Only the fondest worshipers of the gentlemen could recognize their features in the miserable daubs supposed to depict them. The balcony rail facing the rostrum was adorned with two portraits of Bryan and one of Stevenson-done in the same distressing style of art. Flags and streamers greeted the upraised eye in every direction, while bunting of fresh and attractive appearance hid the railings of ooth balcony and musicians' gallery en tirely from view. A word concerning the music provided for the entertainment of the convention is not amiss. The Indianapolis

winning frequent outbursts of applause,

James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, called the convention to order after the applause with which he was greeted had subsided. Senagize for the absence of President Hearst by saving that he was "unabolvably detained from this meeting." The senator declared grandiloquently that Democratic clubs are being formed in the United States at the rate of 500 a day, and that now there are 7,353 clubs altogether, with an aggregate membership of over 2,000,000. With this mighty force, he asserted, the result of the election in November cannot be in doubt. In concluding his brief address of welcome, the senator announced the temporary organization of the convention as consisting of Chairman Thomas Taggart, Secretary Max F. Ihmsen, of New York; Reading Clerk Jefferson Pollard, of Missouri, and Sergeant-at-arms Myron D. King, of Indianapolis. Mayor Taggart in taking the office of temporary chairman responded briefly to Senator Jones's welcoming addresses. Several resolutions were then introduced in quick succession, among them being one providing that the rules formation of resolutions, credentials and selection of a committee to invite ex-Senator David Turple to occupy a seat on the platform during to-day's sessions of the convention. The latter committee was made up of Nicholas M. Bell, of St. Louis; J. L. Slayden, of San Antonio, Tex., and Alonzo Greene Smith, of Indianapolis.

The proceedings of the convention were broken into at this point by the dramatic rigan, father of Jane Corrigan, was shown arrival of the Chicago (Cook county) his "Fellow-Democrats," as he styled the